

Sri C. S. HULKOTI.—Is it a fact that when the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works visited Hesarur, this fact was brought to his notice?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It was not only brought to the notice of the Minister, but also the urgent necessity for providing this facility was impressed upon him and in pursuance of this, all these developments have taken place.

Transfer of Tanks under the Management of Revenue Department to Public Works Department.

*Q.—65. **Sri G. N. PUTTANNA (Tumkur).**—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of major and minor tanks in the State;

(b) the number of Tanks that are under the management of the Revenue and Public Works Department;

(c) whether they are aware that almost every tank under the Revenue management is badly in need of repairs and restoration;

(d) whether they intend to transfer the management of all the major and minor tanks to the management of the Public Works Department and if so when and if not why?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(a) 37,328.

(b) Information is being collected.

(c) It is assessed that out of the above there are about 14,000 tanks which are in need of repairs and restoration.

(d) Provision has been made in the Draft Irrigation Bill which is before the Legislature for the transfer of all notified irrigation works to the management of the Public Works Department for maintenance. The intention is to take over in the course of a period of years the maintenance of all excepting a few small works which will continue to vest in the ryots or other appropriate agencies.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎಫ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಉತ್ತರ (b) ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಿರುವುದು ರೆವೆನ್ಯೂ ಡಿಪಾರ್ಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಆಡಳಿತದಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಕೆರೆಗಳು, ಪಿ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ.ಡಿ. ಆಡಳಿತದಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಕೆರೆಗಳು ಇವೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ವಾರ್ ಲಿಸ್ಟ್ ಇದೆಯೇ?

†ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಇದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎಫ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ರೆವೆನ್ಯೂ ಡಿಪಾರ್ಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಆಡಳಿತದಲ್ಲಿಯ 14,000 ಕೆರೆಗಳಿಗೆ repairs and restoration ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ಇದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಎಷ್ಟು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಕೆರೆಗಳು ಈ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿವೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಕೆರೆಗಳ ರೆಸ್ಟೋರೇಷನ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಲೇ ಇರಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಒಂದು ಸಾರಿ ಇದು ಆದಮೇಲೆ ಪುನಃ ರೆಸ್ಟೋರೇಷನ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದ ಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ. 20 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಅನಂತರ ಪುನಃ ರೆಸ್ಟೋರೇಷನ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. It is a process. As regards the time required for restoration, it would be difficult for me to give a direct answer.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎಫ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ಪಿ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ.ಡಿ. ಯವರು ದುರಸ್ತಿಮಾಡಲೇ ಇರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇನು? ರೆವೆನ್ಯೂ ಡಿಪಾರ್ಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟಿನವರು ದುರಸ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಲೇ ಇರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇನು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಇದು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಅಚ್ಚುಕಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಜನರ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ. ಸಮರ್ಪಕವಾಗಿ ವಿಧಿಯುಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಅನುಸಾರವಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಲೇ ಇರುವುದು ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕಾರಣವಾಗಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎಫ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ಈ ಕೆರೆಗಳನ್ನು ಯಾವಾಗ ಸರಿಪಡಿಸುತ್ತೀರಿ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಈ ಸದೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಬಿಲ್ಲನ್ನು introduce ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆ ಮಸೂದೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡಿದೆ.

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—Out of 37,328 tanks both major and minor in the State, 14,000 tanks are yet to be restored. Of these tanks how many are breached tanks and how many are under the P.W.D., which require restoration and how many require desilting?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The question of repairs does not come into the picture here. As for the question of desilting—it is a process by which we can improve the tank's capacity. As regards this question, I cannot straightaway tell the Hon'ble Members what exactly is the number of breached tanks and what is the number of tanks which are functioning.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—You were pleased to tell us that a Bill had been introduced and that the

Government would consider the question of tanks under the management of the Revenue Department which are in a deteriorating condition. Will the Government consider and get the Bill passed in the Budget session?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—That depends on so many factors. Government are anxious to get that Bill passed.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಲ್. ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ.—ರೆಸ್ಟೋರೇಷನ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವ 14,000 ಕೆರೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ರೆವೆನ್ಯೂ ಡಿಪಾರ್ಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೈಕೆಳಗೆ ಇರತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಎಷ್ಟು ಎ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ.ಡಿ. ಕೆಳಗೆ ಇರತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಕೆರೆಗಳು ಎಷ್ಟು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಈ 14,000 ಕೆರೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ P.W.D. ಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಕೆರೆಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯೂ ಸೇರಿದೆ. Government have not got the correct figures as to how many major and minor tanks are breached, etc. That information is being collected.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—By way of a supplementary to (d): may I know whether they have not yet decided the period in which all this will be taken up?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Out of the 14,000 tanks, it is possible that some of them may not be economical and useful to restore. Therefore, we have appointed an investigating circle. We are thinking of strengthening the organisation. In a short time, in one or two years, we may have a correct picture of the position and then draw up a vast programme depending on the cost involved.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Are the Government aware of the extent of land which would have been cultivated under these tanks and to what extent the condition of the tanks has affected agricultural production?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The total area that is commanded is 10,78,000 acres by these 34,000 tanks. Calculated on the average actual area, I will give the figures. For 1955-56, it is 7,77,000 acres. For 1956-57, it is 7,85,000 and for 1957-58, it is 8,15,000 acres. The figures for 1958-59 and 1959-60, are not available.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—To what extent has agricultural production suffered in the State on account of the non-restoration of these tanks at the appropriate time?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Agricultural production will suffer for various reasons. It is not merely on account of the condition of the tanks but also on account of seasonal conditions and the method of cultivation followed by the ryots. The extent of agricultural land that could have come under irrigable cultivation would have been 10.78 lakhs of acres. But it is not possible for me to assess what exactly would have been the agricultural production if all these tanks had been restored. I would say only with regard to irrigable areas. That depends on the method of agriculture and other factors.

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY.—May I know from the Hon'ble Minister how many tanks are coming under the V.C. area out of these tanks?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I can give you the figures of Mandya district. It is not possible to give the figures under V.C. area.

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY.—May I know how many tanks are breached and how many are unbreached and how many of them are being taken up for restoration?

Mr. SPEAKER.—He has already replied to that question.

Sri A. R. KARISIDDAPPA.—The Hon'ble Minister has been pleased to state that ten lakhs of acres are irrigated by this method. Is it not a fact that the extent of tank bed of these tanks is more than the extent of acres irrigated by these tanks?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Government are not surveying the water spread area, and so I cannot supply the information to the Hon'ble Member.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—Out of 14,000 tanks, may I know for how many tanks estimates are prepared and sanctioned?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—As I already said, I can give him the figures separately as to number of tanks for which estimates have been prepared in the various districts and how many are already completed and how many are in progress. But now that question has not been put to me I am not in a position to furnish answers.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Are the Government aware that there are some tanks which are under the management of the Revenue Department and some under the supervision of the Public Works Department and that neither of the Departments are taking interest in these tanks?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—That is not correct. The management can only be with the Revenue Department but the technical supervision rests with the P.W.D.

Sri U. M. MADAPPA.—Are the Government aware that in spite of the delegation of powers to the officers in sanctioning estimates to the tune of a certain amount, they are not properly making use of their powers in the restoration of these tanks?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I do not think that it is relevant to the question, Sir.

Sri U. M. MADAPPA.—Sir, clause (c) of the question reads: "whether they are aware that almost every tank under the Revenue management is badly in need of repairs and restoration". In spite of the delegation of powers to the concerned officers, no estimates are prepared. As long back as 1952-53 they have not taken action or taken care to make use of the powers to sanction.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The figures just now disclosed in regard to progress of minor irrigation in Kolar district for example show the vast strides that the Government are making.

Sri U. M. MADAPPA.—I do not want the particulars of one district. We are interested in the State itself.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—As regards the State itself, Government are prepared to place before the House the vast strides that Government have made—all over the State—in regard to minor irrigation.

1-30 P.M.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—Are the Government aware that almost all these 14,000 tanks are in the integrated area?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—That is not so.

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that in most of these works the restoration was held up due to submersion or inadequate staff in the Department?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—That is not so. Adequacy or inadequacy of staff depends upon our programme of work. We have to adjust our programme of work consistent with the available staff. We cannot manufacture technical personnel overnight.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜಿ. ನರಸಿಂಹೇಗೌಡ.—ಈ 14 ಸಾವಿರ ಕೆರೆಗಳನ್ನು ರಿಪೇರಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಎಷ್ಟು ಹಣಬೇಕು? ಎಷ್ಟು ವರ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಿ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಈಗಲೇ ಹೇಳಿದೆ. ಇದನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಧಾರಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಒಂದು ಇನ್‌ವೆಸ್ಟಿಗೇಷನ್ ಸರ್ಕಲ್‌ಮಾಡಿ ಕೆಲಸ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ ಎಂದು. ಕೆಲವಾರು ದಿವಸಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವರದಿ ಬಂದ ಮೇಲೆ ತಮಗೆ ತಯಾರಾದ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—While formulating the scheme, will the Government see that they are restored only by desilting and not by any other means?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Desilting is the most uneconomic way of improving a tank and therefore after having considered all aspects of the question Government have thought of desilting.

Sri J. P. SARWESH.—Are the Government aware that there are no tanks at all in the Gulbarga Division?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—There are a good number of them.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—Are the Government going to take up the repairs of these 14,000 tanks under the Third Plan?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Even if we provide the necessary money and the necessary technical personnel, it will be humanly impossible within such a short period to restore all these tanks. Therefore, the Government has decided to have a phased programme consistent with the availability of funds, and technical personnel.

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—Does it mean that the Government is denying what they have stated in the draft Third Plan?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Government have given an assurance

to this House that a planned programme will be prepared for the restoration of tanks and that within a prescribed period all the restorable tanks will be restored.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಎ. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—(ಡಿ)ಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ:

“The intention is to take over in the course of a period of years the maintenance of all excepting a few small works which will continue to vest in the ryots or other appropriate agencies.”

ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದೆ. ರೆವೆನ್ಯೂ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಮ್ಯಾನೇಜ್ ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಕೆರೆ ಪಾಶುವಾರು ಪರಾಜುಮಾಡುವುದರಿಂದ ರೈತರು ಕೆಲಸಮಾಡದೆ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಎಂಬುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಪೂರ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಹರಾಜುಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಆ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ರೈತರು ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಅದುದರಿಂದ ಆ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿಂತಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಹೇಳುವುದು ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲ.

Supply of Electricity for I. P. Sets in Kokkarne in Udipi Taluk.

*Q.—69. Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY (Coondapoor).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) when sanction was accorded for the supply of Electricity for I. P. sets in Kokkarne in Udipi Taluk, South Kanara, and the estimated cost thereon;

(b) the progress achieved so far and the amount spent till now;

(c) when do they propose to complete the scheme?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(a) Sanction was accorded by the State Electricity Board on 23rd July 1959 to the estimate for Rs. 2,45,800 for power supply to I. P. sets to Kokkarne (Pejamangur) and to the following other villages:—

Honehalli,
Nadur,
Nilavar,
Kadur and
Kudi in Udipi Taluk.

(b) Work has not yet been started as the required number of applicants have not yet installed pumpsets and submitted completion reports through a licensed Electric Contractor.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (b).

Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY.—What is the total number of applications from these villages and how many I. P. sets have been installed by the applicants?

†Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I cannot say about the number of I. P. sets installed but the information with me is that 70 per cent of the people have not installed their I. P. sets and given the completion certificate to the Department to enable it to take action.

Relief to the Victims of Fire Accident in Chamarajanagar Taluk.

*Q.—95. Sri U. M. MADAPPA (Chamarajanagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the amount distributed to victims of fire accident at Venkatayyana Chatra in Chamarajanagar Taluk, out of Rs. 2,000 sanctioned by Government;

(b) the value of materials supplied to them out of said Rs. 2,000;

(c) if not, the action taken by Government?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) Rs. 375. The allotment of Rs. 2,000 was for the entire Division.

(b) Mafi passes for building materials of the value of Rs. 1,425 are reported to be under issue.

(c) Does not arise.

Sri U. M. MADAPPA.—Have the building materials been issued by this time?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—I hope so.

Sri B. L. NRAYANASWAMY.—When did this accident take place?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—On 12-8-1959.

Sri B. L. NRAYANASWAMY.—May I know the number of families affected by this accident?